

EOPS PROGRAMS DIVISION INFORMATION

May 2000

NOTE FOR POLICE REPRESENTATIVES: Due to overwhelming demand, the "EOPS Programs Division Information" will be e-mailed to only one police representative per police department. Each month, the "EOPS Programs Division Information" will continue to be posted on our web page at <http://www.state.ma.us/ccj>. We apologize for any inconvenience.

We encourage and appreciate your comments and feedback. Please e-mail your comments to: Patricia.Bergin@eps.state.ma.us

Announcements

Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Data Transfer Project. Forty one eligible police departments were selected by the EOPS Programs Division to participate in the CJIS Data Transfer Project, funded by the National Criminal History Improvement Program. A listing of the selected departments is available at the CCJ website: <http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/update.htm>. This program was limited to municipal police departments that did not previously receive CJIS Data Transfer equipment under the Byrne Program. The computer equipment that will be provided to participating police departments will allow data to be electronically transmitted between the police department and the Criminal History Systems Board (CHSB).

"Community Problem Solving" The Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University is offering community problem-solving programs to address drugs, crime, and youth violence. The programs will give communities a state-of-the-art view of "what works," effective problem analysis techniques, help in developing strategies, help in overcoming the challenges involved in collaborative efforts, and a network of colleagues in other cities. The first program, "Merging Perspectives on Drugs and Crime," will run July 16-28, 2000. This program is for leaders, from all related agencies and disciplines as well as the community, who seek to address drugs and crime through collaboration. It will cost \$7,200. For program materials, contact: Isadora_de_los_Reyes/FS/KSG@ksg.harvard.edu; for more information, contact wbrownsb@bellatlantic.net.

A Calendar of Events is available online from the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS). The Calendar currently offers information on over 100 upcoming international, national, regional, and State conferences, workshops, seminars, and other events related to juvenile justice, missing and exploited children, and delinquency prevention. In addition, the Calendar lists more than 200 events pertaining to criminal justice and drug control policy. You may access the NCJRS Calendar of Events at : <http://eventcalendar.ncjrs.org>

Funding Opportunities

From the EOPS Programs Division. . . .

Electronic Fingerprinting Systems Project. The EOPS Programs Division is currently accepting applications from eligible municipal police departments for the Electronic Fingerprinting Systems Project. The awarded equipment (live-scan units and card-scanning workstations) will be used to electronically send criminal and applicant ten-print fingerprint cards to the State Identification Section and to the FBI over the CJIS Wide Area Network (WAN). Applications are available at the CCJ website: <http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/update.htm>

Application Deadline: **5:00 PM, Friday, June 16, 2000**

If you have any questions regarding the administration of this grant, please contact Kathy Krasco, at (617) 727-6300 ext. 25315 or at Kathy.Krasco@eps.state.ma.us. If you, or your computer vendor, have any questions regarding the *technological components* of the project, please contact Captain Michael J. Saltzman, Commanding Officer, at the Massachusetts State Police, Identification Section, at (508) 358-3170.

Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG) Program. EOPS Programs Division is currently accepting continuation applications for the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program (JAIBG) from Massachusetts District Attorney's Offices only. Both the application and a copy of the required Certifications Regarding Lobbying, Debarment, Suspension, Other Responsibility Matters, and Drug-Free Workplace are available to download at the CCJ website: <http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/update.htm>

Application Deadline: **5:00 PM, Friday, June 2, 2000.**

If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Wright, Director of Juvenile Programs at (617) 727-6300 extension 25319 or at Lynn.wright@eps.state.ma.us

From the Federal Government. . . .

Juvenile Mentoring Program (JUMP) (OJJDP). <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/grants/current.html#031000>

This program supports one-to-one mentoring projects for youth at risk of educational failure, of dropping out of school, or involvement in delinquent activities, including gangs and substance abuse.

Application Deadline: May 23, 2000

Eligibility Requirements: Applications are invited from Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) and public/private non-profit organizations. National organizations and previous JUMP grantees are not eligible for these funds.

Maximum Award Amount: Up to \$210,000 is available for each award
Grant Period: 3-year budget and project periods

Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BJA). <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/>

Application Deadline: May 26, 2000

Eligibility Requirements: Jurisdictions eligible to apply for this program are general purpose units of local government (such as cities, counties, and municipalities), and the 50 states. Through this program, eligible law enforcement agencies may apply for a reimbursement of up to 50% of the cost of a bulletproof vest that is certified by the National Institute of Justice and is a threat level I, II, IIA, III, IIIA, or IV. The entire process of obtaining federal funds is completed online through the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program Website at <http://vests.ojp.gov>.

Universal Hiring Program (UHP) (COPS). <http://www.usdoj.gov/cops>

The Universal Hiring Program (UHP) enables interested agencies to supplement their current sworn forces, or interested jurisdictions to establish a new agency, through Federal grants for up to three years. Funding will begin once the new officers have been hired or on the date of the award, whichever is later, and will be paid over the course of the grant.

Application Deadline: May 31, 2000.

Eligibility Requirements: All policing agencies, and jurisdictions seeking to establish new policing agencies, are eligible to apply for this program. To qualify for funding, officers must be hired on or after the grant award start date.

Maximum Award Amount: Grants to pay up to 75 percent of the total salary and benefits for new officers over three years, and up to a maximum of \$75,000 per officer, with the remainder to be paid by state or local funds.

Cooperative Agreements for Parenting and Family Strengthening Prevention Interventions (The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's [SAMHSA's] Center for Substance Abuse Prevention). <http://www.samhsa.gov>

Grants to support programs that prevent or reduce alcohol, tobacco, or illicit drug use and the associated social, emotional, behavioral, cognitive, and physical problems of parents and their children.

Application Deadline: June 13, 2000.

Eligibility Requirement: State, local, and tribal governments and nonprofit and for-profit organizations may apply for multiyear grants

Maximum Award Amount: Up to \$2.5 million is available for 25 grants.

COPS in Schools (CIS) (COPS). <http://www.usdoj.gov/cops/>

This program is designed to **1)** combat school violence by helping local law enforcement agencies hire additional community policing officers to work in schools, and **2)** help reduce the local match requirement for local law enforcement agencies seeking to hire additional new officers to be used in or around schools.

Application deadline: June 16, 2000.

Eligibility Requirements: Local, state and tribal jurisdictions

Maximum Award Amount: Approximately \$250 million in grants is available. CIS grants provide up to \$125,000 to pay for the salary and benefits of each new school resource officer for three years

Demonstration Projects for the Early Intervention and Prevention of Sexual Violence and Intimate Partner Violence Among Racial and Ethnic Minorities (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/00074.htm>

CDC funding is available to support a cooperative agreement program to support the development, implementation and evaluation of culturally competent demonstration projects for the early intervention and prevention of both sexual violence and intimate partner violence among racial and ethnic minority populations.

Application Deadline: July 10, 2000

Eligibility Requirements: All (for details, please refer to application).

Maximum Award Amount: \$400,000

Number of Awards Made: 3-4

Grant Period: 12 months

Forensic Friction Ridge (Fingerprint) Examination Validation Studies (NIJ). <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/sl000386.pdf>

Application Deadline: July 28, 2000

Eligibility Requirements: Not specified

Maximum Award Amount: Funds totaling \$500,000 will be made available for this NIJ solicitation, contingent upon NIJ's budget appropriations.

Number of Awards Made: NIJ anticipates supporting one or more grants under this solicitation

Grant Period: NIJ limits its grants and cooperative agreements to a maximum period of 12 or 24 months. However, longer budget periods may be considered.

Research and Statistics

"Massachusetts Crime Rate Continues to Fall" Preliminary crime statistics released by the Massachusetts State Police Crime Reporting Unit indicate that total crimes reported to police in Massachusetts declined by 5.5 % between 1998 and 1999. Violent crime declined 10.4% and property crime declined 4.4%. http://www.state.ma.us/eops/99_crime_stats.htm

"Violent Crime Again Declines in U.S." A preliminary FBI report found a significant drop in violent crime in the United States in 1999. The twice-yearly Uniform Crime Report showed that murders and robberies declined by 8 percent in 1999, while rapes and aggravated assaults fell by 7 percent. The report also showed that the number of violent crimes and property crimes reported to the police nationally decreased by 7 percent last year. <http://www.fbi.gov/pressrm/pressrel/pressrel00/99prelan.htm>

"Drug Use, Testing, and Treatment in Jails" According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), in 1998, an estimated 7 in 10 local jail inmates had used drugs regularly or had committed a drug offense. About 10% of drug tests conducted on jail inmates in June 1998 showed drug use. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/duttj.pdf>

"Homicide Trends in the United States: 1998 Update" (NCJ 179767) The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) Crime Data Brief outlines homicide patterns and trends since 1976. Topics covered include long-term trends, demographic trends, multiple victims and offenders, infanticide, eldercide, homicides by intimates, law enforcement officers killed, weapons trends, regional trends, and trends by city size. The data analyzed are from the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program, particularly the Supplementary Homicide Reports. (<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/homicide/homtrnd.htm>).

"Guns Could Become Leading Cause of Youth Death" The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) reports that if current trends continue, gun violence could become the leading cause of death among children in the United States by 2003. <http://www.aap.org/policy/re9926.html>

"The Comprehensive Strategy: Lessons Learned From the Pilot Sites" Leadership, engaging the media, and training a broad range of community participants are critical elements in establishing comprehensive, community-wide efforts to combat juvenile violence. In a new report, OJJDP also identifies community support and the ability to maximize existing resources as other critical factors to ensure a successful youth crime-fighting strategy. Available through the OJJDP Website <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/>

"Prevention of Serious and Violent Juvenile Offending" (NCJ178898) While most youth who enter the juvenile justice system never return, a small number of serious, violent juvenile offenders reoffend repeatedly, accounting for a disproportionate amount of juvenile crime. This Bulletin describes some of the developmental precursors to such offending and offers effective approaches to its prevention that are family, parent, and child focused. Examples of well-designed intervention programs are also provided. Available online at <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/pubs/delinq.html#178898>

"Mentors Help Adolescents Stay Away from Drugs" A new study found that adolescents who have a parent or a trustworthy adult to confide in are less likely to participate in risky behavior such as drug use. <http://archpedi.ama-assn.org/issues/v154n4/full/poa9162.html>

"Predictors of Youth Violence" (NCJ 179065) Effectively predicting which youth are prone to commit violent acts and at which stage in their development such delinquency is most likely to erupt would significantly strengthen efforts to prevent juvenile violence. The research describes and analyzes a number of risk and protective factors, including individual, family, school, peer-related, community/neighborhood, and situational factors, and enhances the understanding of the predictors of youth violence. <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/pubs/violvict.html#179065>

"Prison and Jail Inmates at Midyear 1999" Reports the number of inmates in State and Federal prisons and local jails at midyear 1999, the total incarceration rate per 100,000 residents in each State, the amount and percent change for the year and since 1990, and the direction of the trends. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/pjim99.htm>

"Addressing Hate Crimes: Six Initiatives That Are Enhancing the Efforts of Criminal Justice Practitioners" (NCJ 179559) is available on the NCJRS World Wide Web site. This publication focuses on law enforcement's pivotal role in responding to, investigating, prosecuting, and preventing hate crimes. Several BJA-funded projects that offer training and support to law enforcement officials are described. (<http://www.ncjrs.org/ledocs.htm#179559>)

Resources

"Does Your Youth Program Work?" (NCJ 179001) is produced by OJJDP to help readers evaluate youth programs, measure how well they have been implemented, and determine whether they have had their intended impact. <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/pubs/via.html>

"Creating Publications: Write to Fight Crime" (OJJDP) Publications can educate, inform, and motivate. They can pass on skills, spread news, and promote ideas. They can cover any topic you choose, use a wide variety of formats, and reach individuals and areas you can't always reach personally. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojjdp/179000.pdf>

"Victim-Oriented Multi-disciplinary Responses to Statutory Rape: Training Guide" Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Recognizing the complexities of statutory rape cases, this Training Guide offers ideas and suggestions to remedy the currently inadequate societal and legal responses to statutory rape and its victims. This document contains practical suggestions to increase reporting of this crime, improve investigations and prosecutions, improve treatment of victims and offenders, and develop sound sentencing practices to guide judges. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/infores/statutoryrape/trainguide/victimoriented.pdf>

"IACP Guide for Preventing and Responding to School Violence" (OJP) <http://www.theiacp.org/pubinfo/pubs/pslc/svindex.htm>

"Keeping Illegal Activity Out of Rental Property: A Police Guide for Establishing Landlord Training Programs" (OJP)
<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/bja/148656.pdf>

Contact Information

Please visit the Programs Division web site at: <http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/>

Department of Justice agency web sites:

NCJRS	http://www.ncjrs.org/
OJP	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/
BJA	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/
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